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January 2, 2021

Ms. Mary Schantag  
POW Network  
102 Vixen Circle  
Unit C  
Branson, MO 65616

Dear Ms. Schantag:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of January 2, 2021. You seek Navy Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) information pertaining to Matthew D. Walden. This command received your request on January 2, 2021. Your FOIA request number is 2021-002399 and FOIA correspondence file number is 20210123.

A releasable copy of responsive OMPF information is enclosed. The redacted portions of the released documentation are exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemption 6 [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)]. Release of such information would constitute clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of Matthew D. Walden and other identified individuals.

I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request. You have the right to an appeal. It must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide a letter requesting an appeal, with a copy of your initial request and a copy of the letter of denial, in an envelope marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." You are encouraged (though not required) to provide an explanation why you believe the redactions were inappropriate or our search was inadequate. Also, please provide a copy of your appeal letter to us at Bureau of Naval Personnel, PERS Code 00J6, 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055.

There are two ways to file an appeal—through FOIAonline or by mail.

1. Through FOIAonline. This will work only if you set up an account on FOIAonline before you make the request that you would like to appeal. To set up an account, go to FOIAonline (this is a website that will appear as the top

hit if you search the internet for "FOIAonline"), click "Create Account" (a link located within the blue banner at the top in the upper right corner), enter your data into the field that subsequently appears, and click "Save" (at the bottom left of the screen). With your account thereby created, you will have the power to file an appeal on FOIAonline to any request you file on FOIAonline thereafter. To do so, locate your request (enter a keyword or the request tracking number in the "Search for" field on the "Search" tab), click on it, then the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. Complete the subsequent field, click "Save," and FOIAonline will submit your appeal.

2. By mail. Address your appeal to:

The Judge Advocate General (Code 14)  
1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite  
3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC  
20374-5066

[Note: the preceding address is the default address. Alternatively, it may be sent to the Department of the Navy General Counsel if appropriate (the Office of the General Counsel generally handles issues outside of those of the uniformed service). That address is as follows:

Department of the Navy,  
Office of the General Counsel,  
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532  
Washington, DC 20350-1000]

If you have any questions, please contact me at [david.german@navy.mil](mailto:david.german@navy.mil) or (901) 874-3165. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at [christopher.a.julka@navy.mil](mailto:christopher.a.julka@navy.mil), (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between

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persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy  
(DON). For more information, go to  
<https://www.archives.gov/ogis/about-ogis/contact-information>.

Sincerely,

*David P. German*

D. P. GERMAN  
FOIA/PA Officer

## CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle) WALDEN, MATTHEW DANE		2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH NAVY-USN		3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (b)(6)		
4a. GRADE, RATE OR RANK AC2	b. PAY GRADE E5	5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD) (b)(6)		6. RESERVE OBLIGATION TERMINATION DATE (YYYYMMDD) NA		
7a. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY (b)(6) NC		b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and state, or complete address if known) (b)(6) NC (b)(6)				
8a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND NAF KEY WEST, FL		b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED PERSUPDET KEY WEST, FL				
9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED NA		10. SGLI COV AMOUNT:		(b)(6)		
11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.) AC-6901 FACILITY RATED APPROACH CONTROLLER (1YR, 2MOS) AC-6902 CARRIER AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER CONTROLLER (8YRS, 2MOS) X X X X X X X X X X		12. RECORD OF SERVICE		YEAR(S)	MONTH(S)	DAY(S)
		a. DATE ENTERED AD THIS PERIOD		93	JUL	19
		b. SEPARATION DATE THIS PERIOD		02	JUL	12
		c. NET ACTIVE SERVICE THIS PERIOD		08	11	24
		d. TOTAL PRIOR ACTIVE SERVICE		00	00	00
		e. TOTAL PRIOR INACTIVE SERVICE		00	00	00
		f. FOREIGN SERVICE		04	11	24
		g. SEA SERVICE		02	11	07
h. EFFECTIVE DATE OF PAY GRADE		97	JUN	16		
13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service) NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL(2); MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION; SECOND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL FOR PERIOD ENDING 18JUL99; NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL(2); SOUTHWEST ASIA SERVICE MEDAL; SEA SERVICE DEPLOYMENT RIBBON(3); NAVY & MARINE CORPS OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON(2);		14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course title, number of weeks, and month and year completed) AC "A" SCOL, 16WKS, FEB94; CATCC OPS CRSE, 6WKS, MAY94. X X X X X X X				
15a. MEMBER CONTRIBUTED TO POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		(b)(6)				
b. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT		(b)(6)				
16. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID (b)(6)	17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED COMPLETE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION		YES   NO (b)(6)			
18. REMARKS BLOCK 13 CONT: RIFLEMAN RIBBON (MARKSMAN); EXPERT PISTOL SHOT MEDAL. "(SER. 43337-02- 0095-MCD)". X The information contained herein is subject to computer matching within the Department of Defense or with any other affected Federal or non-Federal agency for verification purposes and to determine eligibility for, and/or continued compliance with, the requirements of a Federal benefit program.						
19a. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (Include ZIP Code) (b)(6)		b. NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and address - include ZIP Code) (b)(6)				
20. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 6 BE SENT TO (b)(6)		DIRECTOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS		(b)(6)		
(b)(6)		22. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Typed name, grade, title and signature) (b)(6)				

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AVAILABLE  
DOX.

## SPECIAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (For use by authorized agencies only)

23. TYPE OF SEPARATION DISCHARGED		24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Include ungrades) (b)(6)	
25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY (b)(6)	26. SEPARATION CODE (b)(6)	27. REENTRY CODE (b)(6)	
28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION (b)(6)			
29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD (YYYYMMDD) (b)(6)		30. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4 (Initials) (b)(6)	

**LEGEND:** THE FOLLOWING ABBREVIATIONS WILL BE USED IN GAIN ENTRY & LOSS ENTRY COLUMNS.

<b>ENL</b>	- ENLISTED
<b>REEN</b>	- REENLISTED
<b>EXTENL</b>	- EXTENDED ENLISTMENT
<b>REACADU</b>	- RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY
<b>REACADUTRA</b>	- RECEIVED FOR ACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING
<b>RECDUT</b>	- RECEIVED FOR DUTY
<b>RECTAD</b>	- RECEIVED FOR TAD
<b>RECTD</b>	- RECEIVED FOR TEMPORARY DUTY
<b>RECTEMDUINS</b>	- RECEIVED FOR TEMPORARY DUTY UNDER INSTRUCTION
<b>RECDUINS</b>	- RECEIVED FOR DUTY UNDER INSTRUCTION

**RECTADUINS** - RECEIVED FOR TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DUTY UNDER INSTRUCTION

**RECDP** - RECEIVED DRILL PAY

**RECNP** - RECEIVED NON-PAY

**RECTREAT** - RECEIVED FOR TREATMENT

**RECCFO** - RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH FITTING OUT

**LOSSES:**

**RELACDU** - RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY

**RELACDUTRA** - RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING

**DISCH** - DISCHARGED

**TRAN** - TRANSFERRED

NAME (Last, First, Middle)	COMPANY NUMBER	SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	BRANCH AND CLASS
WALDEN MATTHEW DANE	C175	(b)(6)	USN

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